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Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Meiburg, Stan
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 3:26:29 PM
Subject: Re: Costs associated with Animas River spill

It does, thanks. I was particularly interested in the Judgment Fund. This is the first case I am aware of where EPA faced liability as a responsible party (I imagine this has happened before, I'm just not aware of other cases) and I wondered what the source of funds for third party claims would be. Too soon to know anything about the magnitude of such claims, I am sure.

Let me know how the process for receiving such claims is set up. Who does a claimant contact first?

Thanks.

Stan

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 17, 2015, at 7:20 AM, Bloom, David <Bloom.David@epa.gov> wrote:

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> We have been fielding calls from OSWER, Hill and OMB on the funding. Outside of the ORD/OW work most of the resources should be SF Removal dollars. We also heard the OSWER estimate of \$18m which included travel and payroll.

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> Staff pulled together the latest SF balances and as of Friday there is about \$74 million available including payroll. There is also room within the SF Program Projects to move money into Removal, if needed. Also, most travelers are using site specific travel so the travel ceiling is not an issue.

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> We've reached out to OGC to prepare for the claims process. Anything \$2,500 or less the Agency will pay with appropriated dollars. Greater than \$2,500 will be paid from the judgement fund which we'll then reimburse.

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> Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

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> David

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Meiburg, Stan

> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 9:15 AM

> To: Bloom, David

> Subject: Costs associated with Animas River spill

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> David, have you been involved in any discussions to this point about how we are going to pay for costs associated with the Animas River spill?

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> Stan

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> Sent from my iPad